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SUBJ: GOM CONGRATULATES KHMER ROUGE AND PRG

1. ON APRIL 25, GOM SENT FOLLOWING OFFICIAL CONGRATULATORY
MESSAGE TO PRIME SIHANOUK AFTER KHMER ROUGE TAKEOVER IN PHNOM PENH:

"MESSAGE TO HIS HIGHNESS NORODOM SIHANOUK, HEAD OF
STATE AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONAL FRONT OF
CAMBODIA

ON THIS MEMORABLE OCCASION OF THE FALL OF
PHNOM PENH TO THE KHMER ROUGE LIBERATING FORCES,
THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALTA JOIN ME IN
REJOICING WITH YOUR HIGHNESS.

IN THE STRUGGLE AHEAD, MALTA PLEDGES ITS SUPPORT
TO THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF
CAMBODIA TO BUILD A NEW AND BETTER CAMBODIA IN
CONFORMITY WITH THE WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE
CAMBODIAN PEOPLE.

SIR ANTHONY MAMO

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
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25TH APRIL, 1975."

2. ON MAY 6, GOM SENT FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
TO PRG AFTER SURRENDER OF SAIGON:
"MESSAGE SENT TO H.E. MR. NGUYEN HUU THO,
PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE
OF SOUTH VIETNAM NATIONAL FRONT FOR LIBERATION
HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM

THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF MALTA JOIN ME IN
REJOICING WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY ON THE OCCASION OF
THE GREAT VICTORY ACHIEVED BY THE PROVISIONAL
REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM.

MALTA CONTINUES TO PLEDGE ITS FULL SUPPORT TO
YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ITS HARD TASK OF REBUILDING A
NEW AND BETTER COUNTRY FOR THE PROSPERITY AND
WELFARE OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM.

ANTHONY J. MAMO

PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA
6TH MAY, 1975."

3. COMMENT: THESE MESSAGES STEM FROM LONG-STANDING GOM
RECOGNITION OF KHMER ROUGE AND PRG "GOVERNMENTS," FOR WHICH
MINTOFF AND OTHER LABOR MINISTERS NOW TAKING PUBLIC CREDIT FOR
IDENTIFYING WINNERS OF CAMBODIAN AND VIETNAMESE CONFLICTS IN
ADVANCE. HOWEVER, THIS VIEW NOT SHARED BY MANY MALTESE,
INCLUDING OPPOSITION NATIONALIST PARTY, CONSERVATIVE
(ANTI-MINTOFFIAN), PRESS, AND CATHOLIC CHURCH NEWSPAPERS.
SUCH MANIFESTATIONS OF MINTOFF'S "NON-ALIGNED" FOREIGN POLICY
WILL CONTINUE TO BE DEVISIVE POLITICAL ISSUE AMONG MALTESE
ELECTORATE.SMITH

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